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SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF HOLDERNESS.

1886.

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To amount received of State Treasurer, as follows:

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| Nov. 29, | Railroad Tax, | \$19 68 |
| | Savings Bank Tax, | 337 03 |
| | Literary Fund, | 87 04 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$443 75 |

PAID N. B. WHITTEN, Treasurer,

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| Nov. 29, | Railroad Tax, | \$19 68 |
| | Savings Bank Tax, | 337 03 |
| | Literary Fund, | 87 04 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$443 75 |

Bills Paid March, 1886, not reported.

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| Mar. 2, | Cyrus E. Skinner, bill to Stephen Dinsmore, for labor in Dist. No. 9, | 1 30 |
| 8, | Caleb M. Ames, plank and hard wood and timber in Dist. No. 1, | 9 92 |
| | N. S. Calley, for timber in Dist. No. 2, in the year 1882, | 12 00 |
| | Luther B. Sanborn, services in the Livermore Bridge hearing, | 15 00 |
| | N. P. Boynton, " " " " | 21 00 |
| | B. F. Jewell, " " " " | 15 00 |
| | N. P. Boynton, paying for Town Reports, | 15 00 |
| | Stephen Dinsmore, services as auditor, | 2 00 |
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| | | \$91 22 |

PAID HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

1886.

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| Mar. 13, | E. C. Bennett, breaking roads, Dis. No. 9, | \$3 70 |
| | George H. Chase, " 10, | 2 55 |
| | " " 10, | 21 71 |
| | 8, Perley E. Shaw, " 11, | 1 50 |
| Apr. 9, | Samuel B. Berry, " 9, | 7 80 |
| 14, | Harrison Carr, " 3, | 8 00 |
| | G. W. Mooney, " to Squam Bridge, | 5 57 |
| | B. F. Jewell, " " " " | 4 00 |
| | John Jewell, " " " " | 3 50 |

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| | Wm. B. Lowe, breaking roads, Squam Bridge, | \$1 75 |
| | Geo. E. Jewell, | 2 00 |
| | Ebenezer Jewell, | 4 00 |
| | D. H. Jewell, | 1 50 |
| 22, | E. C. Bennett, labor in District No. 9, | 16 20 |
| | Walter R. York, | 17 20 |
| 28, | G. B. M. Wallace, | 1 80 |
| May 1, | Oliver E. Brown, | 1 40 |
| 4, | Daniel E. Wallace, | 4 30 |
| 8, | Ira M. Jones, | 6 75 |
| 15, | D. C. Worthen, surveying road around Beatty hill, | 1 75 |
| 21, | E. B. Lowd, labor in District No. 11, | 4 60 |
| 24, | Henry C. Felch, use watering trough 1885, | 2 00 |
| June 5, | M. Albina and Leroy M. Beatty, land damages on new highway around Beatty hill, | 50 00 |
| 5, | Ebenezer Howe, land damages on new highway around Beatty hill, | 20 00 |
| | Charles Greenleaf, labor in Dist. No. 10, | 3 40 |
| 21, | E. C. Bennett, plank and labor in No. 9, | 6 46 |
| | Ed. Skinner, labor in No. 9, | 8 50 |
| 22, | George H. Chase, | 7 40 |
| 12, | Harrison Carr, use of watering trough 1886, | 2 00 |
| July 1, | Frank N. Boynton, in part payment for building new highway around Beatty hill, | 20 00 |
| 3, | John H. Morse, for labor, use of tools, etc., | 2 65 |
| 12, | H. H. Shepard, plank and lumber, | 40 14 |
| 23, | Charles A Jewell, services and money paid out in the Livermore Bridge case, | 193 42 |
| 26, | B. F. Jewell, labor on new road No. 9, | 3 00 |
| Aug. 4, | L. W. Mooney, labor in District No. 9, | 1 00 |
| 7, | Frank Wilder, | 1 00 |
| 9, | W. H. Shepard, 1512 ft. timber for Squam Bridge, | 27 22 |
| 12, | Enoch Cousins, breaking roads and plank in District No. 11, | 13 39 |
| Sept. 15, | Charles B. Griswold, clerk of court for indictment of road Dist. No. 10, 1885, | 14 32 |
| Oct. 9, | Frank N. Boynton, labor on Shepard hill, | 14 38 |
| April 5, | John Keniston, for services and information in Livermore bridge case, | 14 57 |

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| Apr. | 21, | B. W. Angell, board of H. Bingham, | \$14 50 |
| Oct. | 19, | Frank N. Boynton, in part payment for building new highway around Beatty hill, | 5 00 |
| | 23, | “ “ “ | 9 00 |
| | | N. B. Whitten, by order of Frank N. Boynton in part payment building new highway around Beatty hill, | 36 00 |
| Nov. | 1, | John Jewell, labor on Squam Bridge, | 1 05 |
| | 2, | David S. Hawkins, use of watering trough 1886, 53 ft. plank, powder and fuse, | 6 29 |
| | | Charles F. Cox, use of watering trough 1886, | 1 00 |
| | | O. H. P. Craig, “ | 2 00 |
| | | Charles A. Burleigh, breaking roads No. 6, | 4 00 |
| | | Lemuel P. Cochran, use watering trough '86, | 2 00 |
| Dec. | 15, | Stephen D. Bennett, labor in No. 9, | 2 90 |
| | 25, | N. B. Shaw, labor on Squam Bridge, | 1 05 |
| | | 1887. | |
| Jan. | 25, | Oliver E. Brown, labor in No. 10, | 4 05 |
| | 26, | Ira M. Jones, use of watering trough, | 2 00 |
| | | T. B. Sanborn, labor on highway, No. 8, 1885-'86, | 10 00 |
| Feb. | 16, | Stephen M. Worthen, use of watering trough 1886, | 2 00 |
| | 17, | E. J. Sleeper, use of two watering troughs, '86, | 3 00 |
| | | “ breaking roads No. 8, | 14 80 |
| | 19, | Henry C. Felch, use of watering trough, 1886, | 2 00 |
| | 21, | Parker S. Burleigh, damage to horse on highway in District No. 2, | 10 00 |
| | | Mark M. Sargent, use of watering trough, '86, | 1 00 |
| | 23, | H. B. Jewell, spikes and labor on Squam Bridge, | 2 52 |
| | | L. B. Sanborn, breaking roads in Walter R. York's District, | 2 60 |
| | | Geo. H. Chase, breaking roads in No. 10, | 21 10 |
| Feb. | 26, | Gilman M. Carr, labor on Squam Bridge, | 1 05 |
| | | E. C. Bennett, breaking new road from Jan. 10 to Feb. 26, | 35 00 |
| | 28, | John Jewell, labor in No. 8, | 1 00 |
| | | G. W. Mooney, “ | 7 70 |
| | | J. S. Davison, breaking J. S. Piper road, '85, | 2 50 |
| | | “ railing Squam Bridge, 1885, | 1 50 |
| | | “ labor on “ 1886, | 1 05 |

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| Feb. 18, J. S. Davison, use watering trough 1886, | \$2 00 |
| Mar. 1, George E. Jewell, labor on highway, | 1 00 |
| L. W. Mooney, " in No. 8, | 3 95 |
| Feb. 22, N. B. Shaw, use watering trough, 1886, | 2 50 |
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| | \$778 04 |
| Not reported last year, | 91 22 |
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| | \$869 26 |

Paid Town Expenses.

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| 1886. | |
| April 16, John S. Davison, services as Coll., 1885, | 65 00 |
| May 12, E. J. Sleeper, board of Phebe G. Brown. | |
| from Feb. 22 to May 17, | 24 00 |
| June 2, Manson S. Brown, decorating soldiers' graves, | 25 00 |
| Sept. 29, E. J. Sleeper board of Phebe, G. Brown, | |
| from May 17 to Oct. 4, | 40 00 |
| Nov. 8, Pollard, Hardy & Smythe, goods " | 3 57 |
| Dec. 1, B. F. Jewell, expenses paying State Tax, | 3 20 |
| " by paying bal. State Tax, | 8 25 |
| Dec. 27, Simeon Batchelder, abatement on horse died, | 70 |
| 1887. | |
| Jan. 11, Wm. M. Wallace, services as Supervisor | |
| from Feb. 20 to Nov. 3, | 12 00 |
| 19, Mrs. E. J. Sleeper, labor for Phebe G. | |
| Brown, | 50 |
| E. J. Sleeper, board of Phebe G. Brown, | |
| from Oct. 4, to Jan. 24, | 32 00 |
| 28, C. L. True, services as district clerk, | 3 00 |
| " recording book, | 1 00 |
| Feb. 10, F. L. Wallace, services as chairman of | |
| School Board, | 49 00 |
| 17, E. J. Sleeper, board of Phebe G. Brown | |
| from Jan. 24 to Feb. 28, 1887, | 10 00 |
| 1886. | |
| Aug. 9, F. L. Wallace, school notices, | 82 |
| " school books for Frank | |
| Heath's children, | 2 00 |
| " school books for Charles | |
| Drew's child, | 50 |
| Oct. 8, Smith Piper, services as police, | 10 00 |
| Oct. 18, F. L. Wallace, books for Lyman Drew's child, | 50 |
| Feb 18 Jona. B. Huckins, services as moderator, | |
| Mar. election, 2 days, | 4 00 |

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| Feb. 18, | Jona. B. Huckins, services as moderator at special school meeting, | \$1 50 |
| | Jona. B. Huckins, services as moderator at Nov. elections, | 2 00 |
| 21, | M. M. Sargent, services as Selectman from Mar. 9 to July 12, | 34 50 |
| 21, | M. M. Sargent, use of horse and expenses, | 3 75 |
| | “ Board of Selectmen, | 5 00 |
| | “ Care of town house and wood for same, | 5 00 |
| 24, | B. B. Willoughby, abatement on steer died, | 31 |
| 22, | N. B. Shaw, services as Supervisor, 1886, | 15 50 |
| | “ for 25 check lists, | 4 50 |
| | N. B. Whitten paid town of Plymouth one-half the expense of lighting Pemigewasset Bridge, | 10 00 |
| 26, | E. C. Bennett, abatement on steer died, | 44 |
| | Charles R. Cox, abatement on dog died, | 1 00 |
| | John S. Davison, stamps and stationery, '85, | 1 50 |
| | “ “ “ '8 , | 1 50 |
| | “ Tax bills, | 1 00 |
| | “ Services as Collector, 1886, | 75 00 |
| | B. F. Jewell, “ Selectman, | 80 00 |
| | H. B. Jewell “ “ | 63 00 |
| Mar. 1, | N. B. Whitten, Clerk and Treasurer, | 55 00 |
| | “ as per bill, | 30 24 |
| | B. F. Jewell, board of town officers, | 10 00 |
| | “ Stationery and stamps, | 1 50 |
| | “ use horse and carriage, | 6 00 |
| | H. B. Jewell, money paid out and postage, | 86 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$705 14 |

PAID SHEEP DAMAGE.

1887.

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|---------|---|---------|
| Mar. 1, | D. H. Willoughby, 1 sheep killed by dogs, | \$3 00 |
| | C. W. Piper, 2 “ | 8 00 |
| | “ 2 lambs, “ | 6 00 |
| | David B. Pulcifer, 1 sheep, “ | 4 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$21 00 |

COLLECTORS' REPORT.

JOHN S. DAVISON, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN
OF HOLDERNESS FOR THE YEAR 1886.

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| | Dr. | |
| To State. County, Town and School Taxes, | \$2668 | 94 |
| Non-Resident Tax, | 411 24 | 82 70 |
| Non-Res. Highway Tax, | 235 20 | } remitted, 563 74 |
| School House Tax, | | 248 80 |
| Dog Tax, | | 75 00 |
| Unworked Highway Tax, 1886, | | 58 04 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$3614 | 52 |
| By paid N. B. Whitten, Treasurer, | \$3169 | 86 |
| Non-Res. Highway tax worked out, | 147 | 19 |
| Abatements, | 30 | 35 |
| " on dogs, | 6 | 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | \$3335 | 40 |
| Amount uncollected, | \$261 | 12 |

HIRAM B. GREENLEAF, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
TOWN OF HOLDERNESS.

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| Uncollected Taxes of 1880-'81-'82, | \$117 | 72 |
| By Abatements, | 100 | 01 |
| Amount uncollected, | 17 | 71 |
| Paid Charles R. Cox, Overseer, for pauper bills, | 605 | 78 |

RECAPITULATION.

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|---|--------|----|
| Indebtedness of the town, Mar. 2, 1887, | \$3248 | 00 |
| Assets. Uncollected Tax, 1886. | 261 | 12 |
| " 1885, | 270 | 37 |
| " 1884, | 172 | 36 |
| " 1883, | 21 | 27 |
| " 1882, | 17 | 71 |
| Money in the Treasury, | 1037 | 46 |
| Balance against the town, | 1800 | 00 |
| Due from County not reported to us, | 1447 | 71 |

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN F. JEWELL, } Selectmen of
HENRY B. JEWELL, } Holderness.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NATHAN B. Cox, Auditor.

OVERSEERS' REPORT.

C. R. COX, OVERSEER OF THE POOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF HOLDERNESS FROM FEB. 25, 1886, TO FEB. 25, 1887.

| To cash received as follows: | | | | Dr. |
|---|---|------|---|----------|
| To orders received of County Treasurer, | | | | \$248 14 |
| Cash | " | Town | " | 510 00 |
| | " | | " | 95 78 |
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| | | | | \$853 92 |

COUNTY CHARGES.

| By cash paid as follows: | | Cr. |
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| S. C. Drew, support of Grace L. Drew from Feb. 4, 1886, to Sept. 21, | | \$66 00 |
| Burial Expenses of G. L. Drew. | | 11 50 |
| Support of Mrs. Oliver Steward, | | 38 18 |
| E. J. Sleeper, support of Alfred A. Prescott from Mar. 8, to April 26, 1886, and from Nov. 1, to Jan. 24, 1887, | | 14 25 |
| N. B. Whitten, supplies for Mrs. Wm. Gilpatrick, | | 1 71 |
| T. B. Sanborn, support of H. B. Horn from March 8, 1886, to Feb. 21, 1887, | | 37 40 |
| B. B. Willoughby, board of Alfred A. Prescott, | | 2 86 |
| H. R. & Co., clothing for Nancy Merrill, | | 1 63 |
| C. T. Wilson, support of " from March 1, 1886, to Feb. 21, 1887, | | 54 85 |
| N. B. Whitten, clothing for Nancy Merrill, | | 91 |
| E. B. Lowd, for moving Annie F. Browning, | | 7 00 |
| C. A. Bo nton, for care and board of Charles Forcotte from Feb. 5, 1887. | | 11 00 |
| Dr. M. C. Spaulding, for medical aid for " | | 12 20 |
| N. B. Whitten, cash, | | 248 14 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$507 68 |

TOWN CHARGES.

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| C. A. Boynton, for board of M. J. Burleigh from Jan. 28, 1886, to Nov. 8, 1886, | \$102 50 |
| T. M. Beede, for support of M. J. Burleigh from Nov. 11, 1886 to Feb. 17, 1887, | 40 50 |
| A. W. Smith, for support of N. P. Huckins from Feb. 15, 1886 to Feb. 21, 1887, | 141 15 |
| J. S. Perkins, for horse and carriage. | 1 00 |
| D. H. Jewell, " " | 4 0 |

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| J. L. Wilson, for advice, | \$1 00 |
| C. A. Jewell, for affidavit, | 25 |
| “ Postage and stationery, | 34 |
| “ Cash for expenses, | 3 50 |
| “ C. R. Cox, services as Overseer of the | |
| Poor, | 52 00 |

\$346 24

Respectfully submitted,
C. R. Cox, Overseer of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. B. WHITTEN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF
HOLDERNESS, FROM MAR. 2d, 1886 to MAR. 2d,
1887, INCLUSIVE.

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| 1886. | DR. |
| To cash on hand, Mar. 2d, 1886, | \$1186 35 |
| received of Selectmen, hired money, | 200 00 |
| “ “ R. R. Tax, | 19 68 |
| “ “ Sav. Bank Tax, | 337 03 |
| “ “ Literary Fund, | 87 04 |
| “ “ Tax money not com- | |
| mitted to Collector, | 87 |
| “ “ Town School Com., | 300 00 |
| To county orders received of C. R. Cox, Overseer, | 248 14 |
| Cash received of J. B. Hutchins, Collector, | 89 93 |
| “ J. S. Davison, “ | 3187 86 |
| | <u>\$5656 90</u> |
| | CR. |

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| By whole am't paid on orders, | \$3626 27 |
| “ State Tax, | 452 00 |
| “ County Tax, | 454 44 |
| “ S. Ethridge, for note, | 66 73 |
| Cash on hand, | 1057 46 |
| | <u>\$5656 90</u> |
| Town debt on notes to March 1st, | \$3141 50 |
| “ money deposited, for Phebe G. | |
| Brown's support, | 106 50 |
| Total debt, | \$3 248 00 |

The \$200 hired money was hired by the Selectmen of Samuel Weed, with a written agreement that if needed for the support of Phebe G. Brown, it shall be so applied.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. WHITTEN, Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the accounts of N. B. Whitten, Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

NATHAN B. COX, Auditor.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

| | | |
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| 1886. | Money received from Loren Mooney Prud.Com., | \$7 99 |
| Apr. 26, | " Town Treasurer, | 35 00 |
| June 12, | " " | 35 00 |
| 28, | " " | 280 00 |
| Aug. 13, | From Noah Boynton, Literary Fund, '85, | 22 71 |
| Nov. 2, | " Town Treasurer, | 20 00 |
| 19, | " " | 190 00 |
| Dec. 10, | " " | 145 00 |
| 1887. | | |
| Feb. 10, | " " | 79 08 |
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| | | \$814 78 |

MONEY PAID OUT.

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| 1886. | | |
| May 1, | S. D. Bennett, cord of wood, | \$3 50 |
| 3, | Harrison Carr, " | 4 00 |
| | Parker Burleigh, " | 4 00 |
| | " lock for school house, chalk | |
| | and broom, | 1 65 |
| | M. M. Sargent, 1-2 cord of wood, | 1 75 |
| | Edwin Sleeper, " | 2 00 |
| | Pollard, Hardy & Smythe, seven boxes crayons, | 1 17 |
| 8, | F. E. Morse, water pail, | 50 |
| 11, | N. B. Whitten, for broom, | 35 |
| 19, | Anna Grant, teaching 6.8 weeks, including | |
| | board, | 34 20 |
| 29, | Eleanor Lamprey, teaching 9 weeks, | 36 00 |
| | Harrison Carr, boarding teacher 9 weeks, | 22 50 |
| | Louise George, teaching 9 weeks, | 27 00 |
| | P. S. Burleigh, boarding teacher 9 weeks, | 18 00 |
| 30, | Nellie J. Clark, teaching 9 weeks, | 27 00 |
| | D. H. Willoughby, boarding teacher 9 weeks, | 18 00 |

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| June 30, | Mrs. Callie Baker, teaching 9 weeks including board, | \$38 25 |
| July 3, | Annie Estes, teaching 9 weeks, | 27 00 |
| | J. S. Perkins, boarding teacher 9 weeks, | 18 00 |
| July 13, | Mrs. Emma Jewell, teaching 9 weeks, including board, | 40 50 |
| | 26, George Chase, conveying scholars, | 5 00 |
| Sep. 12, | Mrs. S. J. Hawkins, cleaning school house, | 50 |
| | 20, Harrison Carr, labor on school house, | 5 10 |
| Oct. 4, | Pollard, Hardy & Smythe, for glass and putty, | 50 |
| | 19, Anna Grant, teaching 7 weeks, | 21 00 |
| Nov. 19, | S. D. Merrill, school money for East Holder- ness School, | 51 86 |
| | 23, Annie Wallace, boarding teacher 13 weeks, | 26 00 |
| | Eleanor Lamprey, teaching 13 weeks, | 52 00 |
| | 24, P. S. Burleigh, boarding teacher 13 weeks, | 26 00 |
| | Louise George, teaching 13 weeks, | 39 00 |
| Dec. 4, | C. L. True, 1-4 cord wood, | 1 00 |
| | 10, " teaching 13 weeks including board, | 91 00 |
| | N. B. Shaw, labor on school house shed, | 5 00 |
| | 23, Charles Greenleaf, conveying scholars, | 10 00 |
| | 28, Mrs. S. J. Hawkins, boarding teacher 7 weeks, | 14 00 |
| | " " teaching 6 weeks includ- ing board, | 30 00 |
| | N. B. Whitten, for broom, | 33 |
| | G. H. Chase, tuition of scholars in Campton, 5 weeks, | 62 |
| 1887. | | |
| Jan. 10, | N. B. Whitten, two cords of wood, | 8 00 |
| Feb. 10, | Annie Estes, teaching 13 weeks, | 45 50 |
| | D. H. Jewell, boarding teacher 13 weeks, | 26 00 |
| | N. B. Whitten, 3-4 cord dry wood, | 3 32 |
| | B. F. Jewell, conveying scholars 13 weeks, | 26 00 |
| | Cash on hand to balance, | 1 68 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$814 78 |

F. L. WALLACE, Treasurer.

ELM SCHOOL.

Two terms taught by Miss Louise V. George. Length of term, 9 weeks. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 13; average daily attendance, 12; number attending to reading and spelling, 13; geography and grammar, 10; arithmetic, 12; penmanship, 4;

composition, 5; algebra and botany, 1. Length of full term, 13 weeks; wages of teacher per month including board, \$20; whole number of pupils, 20; average daily attendance, 16; number attending to reading, 20; spelling and arithmetic, 18; penmanship and physiology, 4; geography, 16; grammar, 11; history, 9; composition, 12; book-keeping, algebra and philosophy, 1. This school is the old district No. 1, and the Union district with Ashland and the Union with Campton combined in one, with the school located at the brick school house, as it is the most convenient of access from all parts of district. The closing examination was very satisfactory. It showed hard work on the part of the teacher, and diligent study by the scholars. Miss George is a very thorough and painstaking teacher.

BEEDE SCHOOL.

Two terms. Summer term taught by Miss Eleanor Lamprey. Length of term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher per month including board, \$26; whole number of pupils, 25; average daily attendance, 21; number attending to different branches of study, register does not state. Fall term taught by Mr. C. L. True. Length of term, 13 weeks; wages of teacher per month including board, \$28; whole number of pupils, 38; average daily attendance, 33; number attending to reading and spelling, 38; arithmetic, 30; penmanship, 10; geography, and grammar, 7; history, 2; geometry, 1. This school is composed of the old districts 3, 10 and 11, united in one school located in the school-house of No. 3. I was very much pleased with the closing examination of the fall term. In some respects it excelled all others under my control. This is especially true of the classes in arithmetic, the advanced class of which I consider the superior of any similar class in town. This, in itself, speaks volumes for teacher and scholars.

TOWN HOUSE SCHOOL.

One term taught by Mrs. Emma Jewell. Length of term 9 weeks; wages of teacher per month including board, \$18; whole number of pupils 20; average daily attendance 17; number attending to reading, spelling and penmanship 15, arithmetic 13, geography 10, grammar 2, history 4. The scholars in this school are the most of them quite young and not so far advanced as in some of the other schools, but they studied hard and had a good teacher and the result was a successful term of school.

SHEPHERD HILL.

One term, taught by Miss Annie L. Estes. Length of term 9 weeks; wages of teacher including board \$20. Whole number of pupils 16, average daily attendance 14. Number attending to reading and spelling 16, grammar 4, penmanship 5, arithmetic 12, geography 12. Miss Estes is a good disciplinarian and a hard working teacher; she was considered by the parents as the most successful teacher that had been employed there for a number of years in which opinion I fully agree.

EAST HOLDERNESS.

Two terms, taught by Mrs. Callie Baker. Length of summer, 9 weeks; wages of teacher per month including board \$17; whole number of pupils 11; average daily attendance 10; number attending to reading and spelling 11, history 4, penmanship 9, arithmetic 10, geography 7, grammar 6, physiology 2. Length of fall term 13 weeks; wages of teacher per month including board \$18. Whole number of pupils 13, average daily attendance 12; number attending to reading, spelling and arithmetic 13; penmanship 11, geography and grammar 6, history 3, composition 7, physiology 2. As I was by mistake misinformed as to the date that the school closed I visited it earlier in the term than I should otherwise have done; it made no material difference only in this, not giving the scholars a chance to review but they passed a good examination and showed they had not wasted their time. Mrs. Baker is the most successful teacher that has been employed in this school of late years.

COXBORO'.

One term. Length of term 13 weeks; seven weeks of term taught by Miss Anna Grant, when owing to sickness she was obliged to resign the school, and the remaining six weeks were taught by Mrs. S. J. Hawkins. Wages of teacher per month including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils 4; average daily attendance 3; number attending to reading, spelling, penmanship and arithmetic 4, geography 2, grammar and physiology, 1. Owing to the bad traveling I was unable to visit the school at its close, so am unable to say what progress was made, but from general report should judge that the teacher met with good success. The school house is unfit for school purposes, or any other purpose, and the last six weeks was kept in the dwelling house of Mr. S. J. Hawkins.

PRESCOTT SCHOOL, (NO. 8.)

One term taught by Miss Nellie J. Clark. Length of term,

9 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 3; average daily attendance, 3; number attending to reading, spelling, penmanship and arithmetic, 3, geography, 1. This school, though small in numbers, was very successful. Miss Clark is a first class teacher, and but for ill health is capable of teaching a much larger school.

TRUE SCHOOL.

Two terms. Summer term taught by Miss Anna L. Grant, Length of term, 6.8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 16; average daily attendance, 14; number attending to reading, spelling, and penmanship, 16, arithmetic, 13, geography and history, 6, grammar, 5, physiology, 2. The term closed with a very successful exhibition. The teacher was well liked by parents and pupils. Fall term taught by Miss Eleanor Lamprey. Length of term, 13 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$24. Whole number of pupils, 15; average daily attendance, 14; number attending to reading and spelling, 15, penmanship, 14; arithmetic, 13, geography, grammar and history, 6, physiology, 2.

SQUAM BRIDGE.

One term taught by Miss Annie L. Estes. Length of term, 13 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$22. Whole number of pupils, 33; average daily attendance, 19; number attending to reading and spelling, 32, arithmetic, 27, geography, 21, grammar, 5, physiology, 12. This was the first term in the new school house, and was composed of Districts No. 4, 5 and 8. The term did not commence until the middle of November, as the school house was not completed until that time. The scholars were scattered over a large territory, and on account of this and the bad weather and roads, and the prevalence of whooping cough, the attendance was very irregular. The closing examination showed a good degree of progress by such scholars as attended school regularly. Miss Estes is a successful teacher, and if scholars do not learn it will be no fault of hers.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Elm School—First term, Mary B. Ames, Lura H. A. Burleigh, Elmer J. Boynton. Second term, Mary B. Ames, Dora C. Ames, Lura H. A. Burleigh.

Beede School—First term, Myron Palmer, George Wiggins, Addie Carr, Fanny Worthen, Mina Worthen. Second

term, John H. Worthen, George Wiggins, Addie J. Mills.
Town House—Eloise L. Shaw, Viola V. Evans, Mary H. Evans.

Shepherd Hill—Clara Jones, Susie Piper, Sadie Morse. Leila Cox, Clarence Perkins, Ervin Morse.

East Holderness—First term, Hattie Greener, Fannie Piper, Lilla Piper, Gracie Piper, Lydia Scruton, Johnnie Perkins. Second term, Hattie Greener, Fannie Piper, Mina Piper, Lilla Piper.

Coxboro—Eva Burleigh.

True School—First term, Ward Wallace. Second term, Ward Wallace, Arthur Bennett, Frank H. Bennett, Charlie Bennett.

Squam Bridge—Clara Jones, Frank E. Jewell.

Last year under the old school system, in the ten schools supported wholly by Holderness money, with about the same amount of school money as this year, exclusive of the amount given for board of teacher last year, and in two of the districts the whole amount of board was given. There were 144 weeks of school, which, divided among the ten districts gives an average of 14.4 weeks of school to each district. This year there were 139 weeks of school kept in town. In the summer there were seven terms, and in the fall six terms. Dividing 139 by 6 1-2, gives an average of 21 5-12 weeks to each school, a balance in favor of this year of over seven weeks to a school. Every scholar in town, except in the Coxboro' and True schools, has had a chance to attend school twenty-two weeks. In the True school, there were about twenty weeks. In the Coxboro' district, there was one term of thirteen weeks, which was nearly three weeks more than last year. There were only two or three scholars there, and the parents did not wish to carry them to any other school, so we had one term of thirteen weeks.

The law compelling scholars to attend school has been evaded to some extent this year. The law on this subject is very strict, and the School Board are liable to prosecution and fine for neglecting or refusing to enforce the law. We hope that this warning will be sufficient, and that next year the evasion of the law will not be attempted.

The entire amount of school money including the Literary fund, '84 and '85 of East Holderness, was \$827.82. Of this amount the law authorizes the use of twenty-five per cent. for the purpose of conveying scholars to and from school. The

whole amount paid for such purposes, including sixty-two cents for tuition of a scholar in Campton, was \$41.62, a little over 5 per cent. of school money, and no scholar has been obliged to walk more than one and one half miles to school. While twenty-one weeks of school are better than fourteen, yet I feel that it is not enough, and I hope to live to see the time when we shall have from twenty-five to thirty weeks per year to a school, which I think is enough, as more wearies the scholars, and is a waste of money.

Now a word to teacher and scholars in regard to the studies pursued and their application. There is one thing that I would impress on the minds of teacher and scholars. Go thorough in all the studies ; go thoroughly if you go slowly. It is of vastly more importance that scholars should thoroughly understand what they go over, than to go through their books simply for the gratification of saying they have been through, when they cannot answer a question or go to the blackboard and solve a problem in fractions or percentage. I there is anything I dislike when I am visiting schools, it is to ask a scholar a question or send them to the board to do a problem and have them reply, "I don't know," or "I can't solve it because I have not been over the first part of the book this term." Well, what if you haven't? A scholar should be able to answer a question or solve a problem in any part of the book preceding the place they are studying at the time of examination, and it is the duty of teachers to see that they are able to do so. At the beginning of a term of school a scholar should never be allowed to commence a book beyond where they have a thorough knowledge of such book, and if they are it is the fault of the teacher and the pupil.

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